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1. US AND CANADIAN DELS RAISED ABOVE SUBJECT AT FREBRUARY 27 MEETING OF NATO COMMITTEE III CAUCUS, STRESSING OUR CONCERN THAT HEAVY EMPHASIS ON EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN FRENCH PROPOSALS IN SUBCOMMITTEES 10 (CULTURE) AND 11 (EDUCATION) COULD BE INTERPRETED AS EXCLUDING NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION (REFS A AND B). AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY PROMISED, FRG DELEGATE EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERNS, AND AGREED RAISE THIS QUES-TION IN MEETING OF EC-NINE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS FRENCH PROPOSALS NEXT WEEK. PRIOR THIS MEETING, US AND CANADIAN OFFICERS HAD DISCUSSED QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH APPROPRIATE DELEGATES FROM OTHER NATO COUNTRIES, INFORMING THEM OF UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS
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OUR EARLIER JOINT APPROACH TO FRENCH (REF B). ALL OF THESE

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DELEGATES REACTED FAVORABLY TO OUR EFFORTS TO REACH ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION BEHIND SCENES, WORKING THROUGH NATO COMMITTEE III CAUCUS.

2. AT FEBRUARY 27 MEETING, USDEL ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF REPETITIVE ASPECTS OF FRENCH PROPOSAL ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF SCIENCE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THIS IS RATHER COMPLEX PROBLEM. IN FIRST PLACE, UNDER HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 11 ON EDUCATION IS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO BROADEN "COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE ON A SHORT-OR LONG-TERM BASIS." SECONDLY, FRG HAS TABLED ITS PROPOSAL FOR SCIENTIFIC FORUM IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARGUING THAT THIS IS APPROPRIATE LOCALE SINCE FORUM INTENDED EMPHASIZE COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF "PURE" AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, APPARENTLY REFLECTING INTER-MINISTERIAL JOCKEYING IN BONN AND FRG FON OFF'S POLITICAL OBJECTIVE OF LOCATING FORUM IN BERLIN (AN OBJECTIVE WE ARE SUPPORTING -- REFS D AND E), GERMANS ARE UNWILLING AT THIS TIME TO SHIFT CONSIDERATION OF THEIR SCIENCE FORUM PROPOSAL TO SUBCOMMITTEE 5 ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. AT SAME TIME, IT IS CLEAR THAT EVEN FRENCH RECOGNIZE THE OVERLAPPING BETWEEN THEIR PROPOSALS IN SUBCOMMITTEES 5 AND 11 (REF F). UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE SUGGESTED IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND AT COMMITTEE III CAUCUS PRAGMATIC SOLUTION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: COOPERATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND EXCHANGES OF SCIENTISTS/ACADEMICIANS IN ALL FIELDS ARE PROPER SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SUBCOMMITTEE 11 ON EDUCATION, WHILE OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION IN "PURE" SCIENCES SHOULD BE ARRANGED IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. FRG DELEGATE ON COMMITTEE III HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT HE IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS SOLUTION. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY FRG REACTION, BUT KEY FRENCH AND SOVIET ATTITUDES REMAIN TO BE DETERMINED.

4. IN CONCERT WITH CANADIANS, WE WILL IN NATO CAUCUSES AND IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE PRESS ALONG FOREGOING LINES.
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